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A final report by veteran Carl Matthews



I arrived home in Dallas, Texas at noon, July 4, 2004 with more than a month of memories that began on June 3 with a flight from Dallas to Tokyo to Saipan, arriving at 1am and being met by new friend Ken McKinney of Vista Media Services, who presented me with a beautiful mwar mwar of fresh flowers, the traditional headpiece given to visitors as leis are given in Hawaii.

The following days were given to "boonie stomping" the mountainous terrain of Saipan with some of the most exciting individuals I have ever met: Bruce Petty from New Zealand; Kathy Williams, a college professor from New York whose father was mortally wounded on Saipan on July 8, 1944; Eric and Marilyn Robinson, physician and nurse who had sailed from Canada to Midway to Saipan in a 40-foot sailboat; and with islanders Roque Castro and David Camacho.

Other activities included:

- Enjoying "A Taste of the Marianas," a festival of island restaurants, great food, tons of people (See picture with Lori and Kelly).

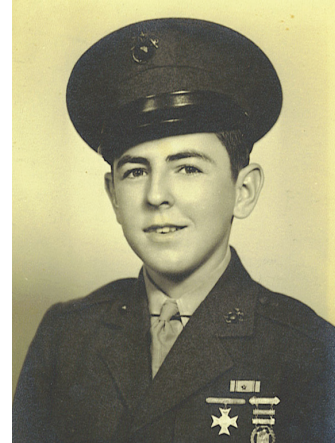
- Festivities related to the 60th Anniversary of the Battle

of Saipan, which included History Sessions, scores of new friends, a Memorial Service, beach luncheon with the Tenorio family, presentation of 60th Anniversary medals to all veterans, a parade, and a Governor's Dinner. Thank you, Jerry Facey for a great job!

- Sitting next to Paul Tibbets who flew the atomic bomb to Hiroshima and having my picture made on Blue Beach Two with Mrs. Lee Marvin, widow of the deceased actor who was wounded there on June 15, 1944.

Most of all, I met the local people of Saipan and Tinian, who went out of their way to provide transportation, to spend a day sightseeing, and permitting me to interview older family members who related exciting stories.

Big thanks go to Ken and Meharu McKinney and Andy and Beth Nepaial who lodged me in their homes; Harry Blalock, who interviewed me on radio; Andi Atteberry, who twice interviewed me on television; Sandy McKenzie, escort to the Governor's Dinner; Cassandra Hamman, who did full page spread in the Saipan Tribune; Marek Rozwadowski MD, who invited me to speak to local



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Matthews at 18 years old. He said, "Mother insisted that I go to Waco and have my picture made. I had just turned 18 and home on leave from the Naval Hospital at Corona California. I had arrived there from Samoa the previous August weighing 98 lbs."

Rotarians; others who shared WWII items found in caves and the jungle; and a signed Paul Tibbets book, and Enola Gay cap from Steve Baacke.

In Japan, I had to thanks several people who translated when I needed something to eat, who personally guided me through the complexities of the Tokyo transit system, who shared time with me on the Tokyo tour, and

once, when I had forgotten my belt, a sweet lady who presented me with a long ribbon to secure my trousers.

My apologies to the many whose names are omitted...not from lack of remembrance but by limitation of space.

The "fifteen minutes of fame" for this octogenarian and 1944 Marine was extended for almost a full month.

My Texas thanks! Hafa adai, y'all!

P.S. By the way, after the little skirmish at Roi-Namur in the Marshall Islands in February 1944, we retired to Maui for serious training in preparation for the Saipan campaign. It was there that I began to embroider a Marine issue cotton cap with the words "TEXAS" in large letters on the right side. On the left was a Marine emblem, the word Pago Pago, Samoa, Roi, Namur, The Marshalls, and Maui, Hawaii, surrounding a harbor scene complete with palm trees. At the rear stood a female figure with a hula skirt that moved. I lost that cap on the night of June 15, 1944 near a concrete bunker on the southeast corner of Chalan Kanoa. If anyone found my cap and still has it, I would be pleased to have it back.

PTC sends eight to Michelle Branch's Guam concert

By CASSIE DLG FEJERAN
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Pacific Trading Co. will be flying four winners and a friend each to Guam for an all-expense paid trip to witness Michelle Branch live in concert on July 27.

Sylvia Cabrera and Sixto K. Igisomar won Friday night's contest at the Hard Rock Café, enabling them to go to Guam with a friend each to see the concert.

PTC held another raffle drawing last night at Hard Rock. The names of the two other winners were not available as of press time. With each winner bringing a friend each, this will bring the total number of persons going to Guam to eight.

Besides watching the concert for free, the prize included airfare, transportation, and hotel accommodations.

Michelle Branch will be performing on Guam as part of her Asian Tour that will begin today in Osaka, Japan and will conclude in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 29.

Pacific Trading, distributor of Miller Lite Beer, brought over from Guam the Miller Lite Girls, along with Mr. Simms, Power 98's disk jockey at the Hard Rock Café-Guam, who hosted the Summer Bash.

Representatives from Pacific Trading, Hard Rock, and Magic 100.3 were all over Hard Rock last night, assisting customers in the event.

"The planning for this event took almost a month," said Kotwal M. Singh, regional executive chef for Hard Rock.

The event was also broadcasted live over Magic 100.3, with disc jockey Robby Rob anchoring the show.

To qualify for the contest, raffle tickets were given to customers for every purchase of a Miller Lite beer or a Mickey's. Three tickets were then randomly selected and those holding them were asked to go on stage, where they had to compete for the ultimate prize—the free trip to Guam.

The game consisted of a rope tied to a stick on one end, and a large ring on the other. Three empty Miller Lite bottles were placed inside a box. Using the stick, the participants had to put the ring through the bottle and lift it to a stand. Cabrera and Igisomar aced the contest to cop the prize.

Cabrera said she is not sure yet as to who she plans to bring to Guam with her, while Igisomar was proud to give his friend the opportunity to attend the concert. "I gave my winnings to Ervin Babauta," he said.

Among the guests spotted during the Summer Bash were Lt. Gov. Diego Benavente, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Vicky Benavente, Pacific Trading Co. general manager Charles Cepeda, and wife Cathy Cepeda for the Summer Bash Friday night.



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Sixto Igisomar, left, and Sylvia Cabrera, 2nd right, pose for the camera after they were announced the winners for the Michelle Branch concert tickets. They are shown here with the Miller Lite Girls and DJ Mr. Simms at the Hard Rock Café Friday night.



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Hard Rock Café's executive chef Kotwal Singh joins Lt. Gov. Diego Benavente, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Vicky Benavente, Pacific Trading Co. general manager Charles Cepeda, and wife Cathy Cepeda for the Summer Bash Friday night.



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IN SUPPORT OF TOC

Seabridge Inc. general manager Paul Blas, right, and Saipan manager Glen Palacios, left, present a \$2,500-check to Rodney Klinge, chairman of 2004 Tournament of Champions.

Summer B.L.A.S.T. draws 19 participants

By CASSIE DLG FEJERAN
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Nineteen children participated in the recently held Summer B.L.A.S.T. leadership training program that was unusual in that it was organized not by any government agency but a 13-year-old boy who wanted to work on an Eagle Scout project that would make a difference with the youth.

Daniel Villegas said the youth leadership camp aims to prepare the youth in the CNMI to be future leaders through hands-on projects that build vital leadership skills. “Our purpose is to build better leaders, and help them become better citizens,” said Daniel. Janel Villegas, the proud mother of Daniel, related that Daniel had an Eagle Project he

needed to do but he didn’t want to do the typical project, such as cleanups. “He said that [cleanup] is good, ‘I enjoy that but I really want to work with the youth and make a difference.’” Thus, the Summer B.L.A.S.T. program came to be. Held July 23-24, the two-day B.L.A.S.T. program—which stands for Being Leaders And Showing Teamwork—taught children from 12-16 years of age in leadership trainings provided by Positively Outrageous Results. It was held at the facilities of the Church of Latter-Day Saints in Chalan LaoLao.

The camp divided the children into three groups, where they were given the opportunity to compete, collaborate, and challenge each other in the activities planned. The trainings gave the children an understanding of values, planning, goal setting, teamwork, balancing life, and decision-making. About 12 adult chaperons assisted the children with the activities that included balloon castle, hand pile, kangaroo catch, and marshmallow jousting, among others. Frank Roberto, a guest speaker from Guam, was on hand Friday morning to address the issue of values and peer pressure. Roberto stressed the importance of prayers, saying



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Participants in the Summer B.L.A.S.T. program exchange notes during Saturday’s session.

200-plus books for sale

The Calvary Christian Academy has over 200 books left for sale after a three-day sale that began July 22 at the school grounds. Marilee Norman, 6th grade teacher, said the school is selling the books for a third of the price or less. “We are trying to get rid of them so we don’t have so many in our store room,” said Norman, who assisted customers at the Science Lab during the book sale. “We had 400 books to start with, and now over a half of that is left,” said Norman. “We might donate some of

the new books that we do not sell to the Public Library.” Books remaining include grammar books, English literature, U.S. history, vocabulary books, math text, children’s reading books, and teacher’s edition books. Norman said the books are great for writers. “Some of our books might be good for tutors, too.” Games for children and CCA uniform t-shirts are other items included in the sale. The books remain available for sale. For more information, contact Norman at 234-6026. *(Cassie DLG Fejeran)*



Man stabbed at Upper Miha Ville

A man was stabbed in the back early Thursday morning while walking at the Upper Miha Ville housing area. Police report indicated that the victim, 21-year-old Oncho Alafanso, was walking by Upper Miha housing unit M-1 when an unidentified man approached him and hit him on the back with the right hand. The suspect then ran toward house unit M-2 before disappearing. DPS acting public information officer Captain Pete C. Muna said the victim, at first, was unaware of being stabbed. “The victim stated that he did not know he was stabbed until he felt a sharp pain on the left side of his back,” he said. “He reached to feel his back, only to find blood on his hands.” Muna said that responding officers attempted to interview the victim who, however, could give “very little detail of the incident.” “[The victim] would often close his eyes to sleep. According to the responding officer, the victim was too intoxicated to give details about the incident,” he said. The incident was reported at about 12:38am. Anyone with information about the crime is urged to contact the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 664-9045 or the NMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. The Crime Stoppers hotline pays cash reward of up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. *(Shan Seman)*

Man arrested for alleged theft

The Department of Public Safety took into custody a 54-year-old man after he was reportedly caught stealing by the staff of a business establishment last Thursday. According to police report, the suspect, Richard Seidler, was arrested and detained after stealing an item valued at \$7.49 at Ace Hardware in Gualo Rai. DPS acting public information officer Captain Pete C. Castro said the suspect was observed by security personnel as he entered and headed to the plumbing section of the establishment. “As they were watching, the suspect took an item and opened it with his mouth, and then held the item in his hands,” Muna said. “Moments later, he placed the item in his left pocket.” The report did not indicate the item taken. Muna said other security personnel were notified of the incident, who then approached the suspect. “The suspect was already outside the store when one of the security personnel stopped him. The suspect was escorted to the office and told to empty his pocket,” he said. The report indicated that the item was recovered before police were notified of the incident. Police were called at about 1:17pm. *(Shan Seman)*

“it’s important to have God in your life.” Keynote speaker on Saturday was 2004 Miss CNMI World Tracy Del Rosario, who encouraged the children to be confident and firm in the decisions they make in life. “I can walk with my heads up because I have confidence and so could you,” she said. Certificates were then given to the children last night in recognition of their finishing the program.

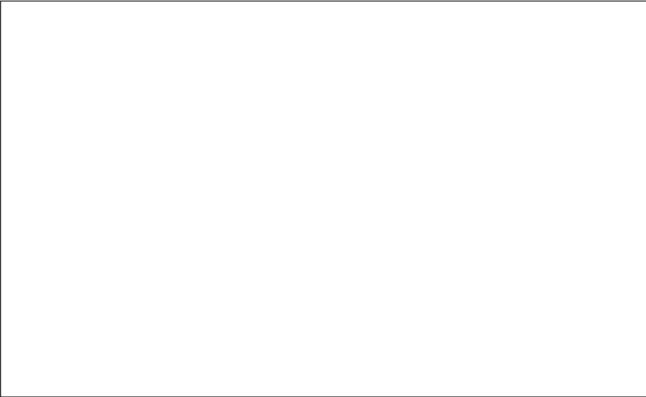
Sponsors for the camp in-

cluded the Bank of Saipan, Herman’s Bakery, Marianas Printing, Aquarius Beach Tower, Gold’s Gym, and the Church of Latter-Day Saints. Scouting has been a great experience for Daniel to learn leadership skills, and now this young leader is applying his know-how to make a difference in the lives of other people. “I wanted to do something that will have an affect on people’s lives and help them to become better citizens in the community,” he said.

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WEATHER FORECAST





PICTURE TIME: 2:25 A.M., DECEMBER 17, 2003
Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.


A monsoon trough extends from 6N130E through a tropical disturbance near 8N145E and finally to near 5N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the disturbance are found in the Mariana islands as well as between Yap and Chuuk or between 4N and 16N from 139E to 153E. Just east of the monsoon trough, a surface trough of low pressure continues to near the equator at 168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are developing north and east of the trough or within 100 miles either side of a line from 9N160E to the equator at 173E, including Kosrae. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Marshall islands, between 4N and 16N from 170E to 180.


 **SAIPAN AND TINIAN**
Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers, some locally heavy, and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
Winds: East at 20-25 mph. Gusting in 35 mph in showers.
Temperature: Lows near 78. Highs near 86.


 **GUAM AND ROTA**
Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers, some locally heavy, and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
Winds: East at 20-25 mph. Gusting in 35 mph in showers.
Temperature: Lows near 78. Highs near 86.


 **PALAU**
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 10 kt.




















 **POHNPEI**
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East at 10 kt.

 **YAP AND ULITHI**
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 10 kt.

 **KOSRAE**
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Southeast at 10 kt.

 **CHUUK**
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers with a slight chance of thunderstorms.
Winds: Northeast at 10-15 kt.

 **MAJURO**
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
Winds: East at 10-15 kt.

| CITY | FORECAST | HIGH | LOW |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|
|  Auckland | Cloudy | 61F (16C) | 49F (9C) |
|  Beijing | Sunny | 44F (7C) | 26F (-3C) |
|  Hong Kong | Partly Cloudy | 74F (23C) | 61F (16C) |
|  Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | 86F (30C) | 72F (22C) |
|  London, England | Cloudy | 56F (13C) | 45F (7C) |
|  Los Angeles | Cloudy | 69F (21C) | 51F (11C) |
|  Manila | Cloudy | 88F (31C) | 71F (22C) |
|  Melbourne | Sunny | 73F (23C) | 54F (12C) |
|  Miami | Partly Cloudy | 84F (29C) | 75F (24C) |
|  New York, NY | Cloudy | 52F (11C) | 48F (9C) |
|  Osaka | Rain | 54F (12C) | 46F (8C) |
|  Paris | Cloudy | 53F (12C) | 41F (5C) |
|  Pusan | Rain | 58F (14C) | 43F (6C) |
|  Rome | Partly Cloudy | 55F (13C) | 39F (4C) |
|  Salem, Oregon | Rain | 54F (12C) | 38F (3C) |
|  San Francisco | Sunny | 64F (18C) | 47F (5C) |
|  Seoul | Rain | 52F (11C) | 45F (7C) |
|  Tokyo | Rain | 55F (13C) | 49F (9C) |
|  Washington, DC | Cloudy | 60F (16C) | 48F (9C) |

More victims seeking shelter at Guma Esperanza

By **CASSIE DLG FEJERAN**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

From January to July this year, a total of 49 victims of domestic abuse sought shelter at the Guma Esperanza, signaling an increase in the number of victims availing of the services of the Domestic Violence Task Force.

Guma Esperanza manager

Lauri Ogumoro said there has been an upturn in the number of victims seeking shelter with them, considering that a total of 60 victims were recorded for the entire year last year.

“The number of victims has increased most definitely. We have 49 this year and it’s only seven months into the year,” she said.

Ogumoro said the increase may

not indicate an increase in domestic violence; instead it could be a result of more women being aware of the shelter being provided by the Domestic Violence Task Force.

The task force works with the Community Guidance Center, Department of Public Safety, and other organizations to assist victims of domestic violence.

The Guma Esperanza was

established on Sept. 2001.

Ogumoro is assisted by five police officers, eight staff at the shelter, and countless social workers at the Northern Marianas College, Community Guidance Center, and the Commonwealth Health Center to ensure the safety of the victims.

“The shelter location is confidential. We offer free services and food. There is a playroom for

the children,” said Ogumoro.

There are no qualifications to stay in the shelter. It is open for all victims of domestic violence, regardless if they are residents or nonresidents.

Some victims, however, prefer seeking help and shelter from their families, Ogumuro said.

“Not all women come to the shelter. They have families who they

feel comfortable staying with.”

A 24-hour hotline is also available for victims in need of assistance. Volunteers from different organizations are on hand to provide information about the shelter and to guide victims through counseling.

The 24-hour hotline is 234-5100. For shelter assistance call 664-4583.

Liberation Fest conclude tonight

The 2004 Liberation Festival is set to conclude tonight after a month and a half of operation, according to executive committee chair Victorino Cepeda.

Cepeda disclosed that everything, from the carnival rides to the live entertainment, would cease due to a decrease in the number of people visiting the festival.

“The number of people coming is decreasing, and so, were just not going to be able to meet the revenue necessary to continue business,” he said.

“We are paying for many things, including portable restroom, but how are we going to continue doing that if the flow of business is slow?”

Even if business picks up this weekend, Cepeda said the festival would not be extended as he has already notified the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. about disconnecting electrical service to the area.

“We are going to begin tearing down the place beginning Monday,” he said.

With that, Cepeda urges the public to take advantage of the final night of entertainment and celebration.

“I encourage everyone to come down and have a good time and enjoy. We are still having all the games, the carnival rides, food and drinks, live entertainment, and even Bingo will continue this weekend.

This is the last chance so I hope everyone takes advantage of it,” he said.

The Liberation Fest unfolded on June 4 with the introduction of the eight candidates for the Liberation Royal Court. Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela’s office is the primary host of the event.

The festival climaxed on July 4, Liberation Day, with a parade featuring various ethnic groups on island, floats, marching bands, and foreign guests.

Also highlighting the celebration was the crowning of 2004 Liberation Queen Leiana K. Ogumoro and her Royal Court. Other member of the Royal Court include Royal Princess Sweeda N. Glad, First Runner-Up Heather O. Woodruff, and princesses Monarie Cabrera, Myla Capilitan, Sarah Igisaiar, Nadia Manglona, and Sheyvonne Maratita.

According to Queen’s Committee chair Rose T. Ada-Hocog, the Royal Court is currently prepping for a trip to Nagoya, Japan next month. The group will be accompanied by several members of the Executive Committee, as well as Mayor Tudela.

Shortly before Liberation Day, the committee announced that the festival would be extended exactly a month from its original July 6 conclusion date.

(Shan Seman)

Canoes flotilla marks start of Pacific arts fest

KOROR, Palau (PDN/PIR)—A flotilla of traditional canoes was welcomed during a dawn ceremony Thursday to mark the start of the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. Canoes from the Northern Mariana Islands, Yap, Guam and Palau were in-

cluded in the flotilla. Opening ceremonies for the quadrennial festival were scheduled later in the day at the national track and field stadium on the Palau Community College campus. About 6,000 participants from 26 Pacific Rim countries, ter-

ritories and the state of Hawaii are in Palau to showcase their traditional art and culture. The festival is held every four years in a different Pacific location. Accommodations in and around Koror, Palau’s capital, are fully booked for

the festival, which continues through July 31. The program includes performances in song, dance, storytelling and theater, and exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops. A 129-member Guam delegation is participating.

Qarase makes new Fiji Cabinet overture

SUVA, Fiji (FijiSUN)—Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase last night offered the Fiji Labor Party 14 seats in a 30-strong Cabinet.

The balance of 16 seats would be allocated to Qarase’s ruling SDL coalition.

However, FLP leader Mahendra Chaudhry and frontbenchers Ganesh Chand and Poseci Bune are expressly excluded from the list of FLP members to be invited into Cabinet.

An FLP caucus meeting next week will determine the party’s response to the offer, Chaudhry said last night.

Qarase’s letter of invitation provides Chaudhry with a list of portfolios and names of FLP members he wants in his Cabinet.

Chaudhry said he was aware of the letter but had not seen it as he was in the West.

“I can’t comment on our chances of accepting this invite until I have consulted with the party when we meet next Monday,” he said.

Qarase suggested a meeting with Mr Chaudhry to discuss FLP members’ appointments to a multi-party Cabinet.

This follows Qarase’s advice to the President to form a 30-member Cabinet where he maintained his interpretation of the Supreme Court ruling that FLP members were entitled to 14 seats.

“The FLP’s entitlement will be 14 positions and the share of the Prime Minister’s party, the SDL, 16,” he said.

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Our World At War

Pacific

Guam war claims get cool DC reception

WASHINGTON (PDN/PIR)—More than a month after the report's release, a Bush administration official on Wednesday dodged questions about whether the White House supported the findings of the Guam War Claims Review Commission. David Cohen, deputy assistant secretary for Insular Affairs, told the House Resources Committee that he didn't want to be vague, but that he was instructed not to be too specific.

Cohen also happens to be the son of a Pacific Islander.

His unwillingness to provide any insight caused some frustration, especially on the 60th anniversary of Guam's liberation from enemy Japanese rule.

The commission was trying to determine whether Chamorros were treated the same as other Pacific islanders whose lands were occupied by the Japanese during World War II.

Later, retired Marine Corps Gen.

Ben Blaz, standing up and gesturing to the committee, said: "If we are fellow Americans, the time is now. If we are yours, you should take us as your own. The time has come."

The 85-page report recommends setting aside at least \$25 million to compensate the survivors of those who died as a result of Japan's occupation of Guam from 1941-44. It also recommended that:

- \$12,000 be paid to those who suffered one of a number of personal injuries, including rape and malnutrition, were forced into labor or a march, or were interned or forced into hiding; and

- A foundation be created to fund scholarships, medical facilities and other public uses that benefit the people of Guam.

The compensation would be limited only to an estimated 9,000 Chamorros, who were alive in 1990 and survived the occupation, and

their direct survivors. Chamorros affected by the occupation, but who died before 1990, are not eligible.

That total does not include those Chamorros who might have left Guam before 1990, according to the commission's chairman, Mauricio Tamargo.

About 22,000 Chamorros suffered during the Japanese occupation. More than 1,000 Chamorros were killed.

Blaz, his voice booming at times and choked with emotion, compared the United States' failure to properly recognize and compensate Chamorros for their loyalty and suffering to "unrequited love."

He said that if the White House and Congress continued to drag on the recognition process, the next time someone asks him to share his experiences they might need to seek him out at Arlington Cemetery.

"I'm 76 years old," he said. "I'm becoming an endangered species."

Cohen said that the Interior, Defense and Justice departments would have to review the report together. He warned that it could take some time. He also said that the administration was already well into planning the 2006 budget, implying that time may be running out to include funding for next year.

"There are many worthy programs competing now for limited federal dollars," he said. "Our intention ... is to ensure that we engage in this discussion with realistic expectations within the context of compelling national priorities and budgetary constraints."

Wednesday's hearing, broadcast on the Internet, helped bring added attention to the people who have become known as "America's forgotten wartime wards," said Lieutenant Governor Kaleo S. Moylan, who attended the hearing.

"They will forever be haunted by the memories of a war and will always live

with the horror they saw."

The Japanese took control of Guam on December 8, 1941, the day after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor that drew the United States into the war. During the 32-month occupation, Japanese soldiers tortured and terrorized Chamorros.

"These Chamorro men, women and children—who were content and peaceful under the authority of the United States—faced forced labor, torture and other unspeakable acts under the occupying forces until the return of Uncle Sam," Moylan said.

He echoed Blaz's sentiments, asking lawmakers to act quickly in crafting legislation to address the recommendations of the report.

"I have heard many accounts from our (elders) who wish to move forward and complete the war claims process," he said. "There are many who will never be heard from again."



Samoa lawmaker says government stole land

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI)—The parliamentary opposition in Samoa has accused the government of stealing millions of dollars from the town of Salelologa by paying too little for its land.

The deputy leader of the Samoa Democratic United Party, Asiata Saleimoa Vaai, says the government has paid only US\$1.4 million for nearly 3,000 acres taken from the town.

Asiata says an independent valuation has put the price at more than US\$15 million.

He says the law requires the government to pay just and fair compensation.

Asiata says either the government pays up or only takes 1.4 million dollars worth of land and returns the rest.

Three of the seven villages of Salelologa took the Minister of Lands, Survey and Environment to court.

Among other grievances, the villages claimed their senior orator and 10 other chiefs did not have the authority to sign over their land for that price.

Earlier this month the Supreme Court ruled the land agreement signed was legally binding.

UN agency chief denounces fees for education

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (The National)—The UNICEF head in Papua New Guinea has called for the "immoral" policy of charging school fees to be dropped to encourage young children to obtain basic education.

Dr Isiye Ndombi said providing basic education to all children was "virtually the only way out of poverty" for any country.

"Charging school fees for primary education is immoral and unfair," Ndombi said. "The moment we do not maintain equity in access to education,

we are in effect promoting increases in disparity between those who can afford and those who cannot."

Ndombi's remarks came at a senior education officers conference in Madang.

He said that by keeping children out of schools, "we are ensuring that poverty is regenerated in successive generations; we are destining a proportion of the population to destitution while enabling the more wealthy section to expand their opportunities."

He added, "It does not matter that most of the parents in the country can afford fees. What matters is that some cannot and their families become marginalized out of education (and therefore out of self-development opportunities) for no fault of their own."

Guam indicts two for shark fin exports

HAGATNA, Guam (PDN/PIR)—Two men were indicted on federal charges yesterday for allegedly attempting to export shark fins.

The indictment charges that on or about July 13, 2004, Conchito M. Cagas Jr., and Cresento P. Bacaling did unlawfully and knowingly attempted to export shark fins, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The Shark Finning Prohibition Act prohibits what is commonly known as "shark-finning," where people catch sharks, cut off their fins and throw the animal back into the ocean to die, the release said. The fins are considered a delicacy and are sold for high prices to restaurants, the release said.

The District Court issued a summons for Cagas and Bacaling, who are in custody. Their arraignment is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. July 26 at the District Court of Guam.

Karon V. Johnson, assistant U.S. attorney, is handling the case and is being assisted by Special Agent Al Samuels, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency-Maritime Interdiction Task Force, and the Guam Port Authority Police, the release said.

Niue Internet users hit by phone hijackers

ALOFI, Niue (Niue News)—Modem hijacking has reached Niue.

Several computer users on the island have reported excessive telephone bills to Telecom Niue after surfing the Internet and downloading software that automatically dials numbers with overseas country codes.

Telecoms Niue is investigating.

In the Cook Islands, modem hijacking has become so rife that international telephone giant Bell Operating Companies will start blocking calls to the Cook Islands from its Canada unit in just under three weeks.

This follows recent complaints about "modem hijacking."

Overseas users, surfing the Internet, sometimes download software that automatically dials numbers with overseas country codes, including the Cook Islands.

"It's part of the modern world we live in," says Telecom manager Stuart Davies. "We have to deal with these kinds of things, like spam and viruses, on a daily basis."

Most dialer software comes from pornographic sites, he said.

Some users agree to dialer software without realizing it may lead to expensive international calls. Those calls are charged to customer accounts.

"People used to be a bit embarrassed

to complain but that has changed now," says Davies.

On 1 August, Bell will begin blocking direct calls to the Cook Islands, Guinea-Bissau, Nauru, Sao Tome, Tuvalu and the Tokelau Islands, according to Bloomberg news service.

Bell did not have any figures on the number of complaints received.

Telus, Canada's other big telecommunications company, told Bloomberg it received 300 complaints in the previous three months about modem hijacking.

Bills ranged from NZ\$115 to \$3,450.

Telus has not announced any plans to block the Cooks but other Pacific nations mentioned by Bell are on its list too.

Clan seeks burial of former Fiji first lady



SUVA, Fiji (FijiSUN)—A delegation from the chiefly clan of Vuanirewa in Lakeba made a traditional Fijian presentation to the people of Rewa yesterday, requesting that the late Radini Nayau/Radini Lau, Ro Lady Litia Cakobau Lalabalavu Katoafutoga Mara, be laid to rest at the chiefly burial ground at Tubou, Lau.

The decision was reached at a meeting of the Vuanirewa clan on Wednesday.

The traditional presentation, according to Ro Teimumu Kepa, the younger sister of Ro Lady Lala, was accepted but a decision on the matter would be decided after the Bose Vanua meeting in the chiefly village of Lomanikoro today.

She said they had taken into consideration the submission by the Vuanirewa clan that the former First Lady was also the paramount chief in Lau in her status as Radini Nayau and Radini Lau.

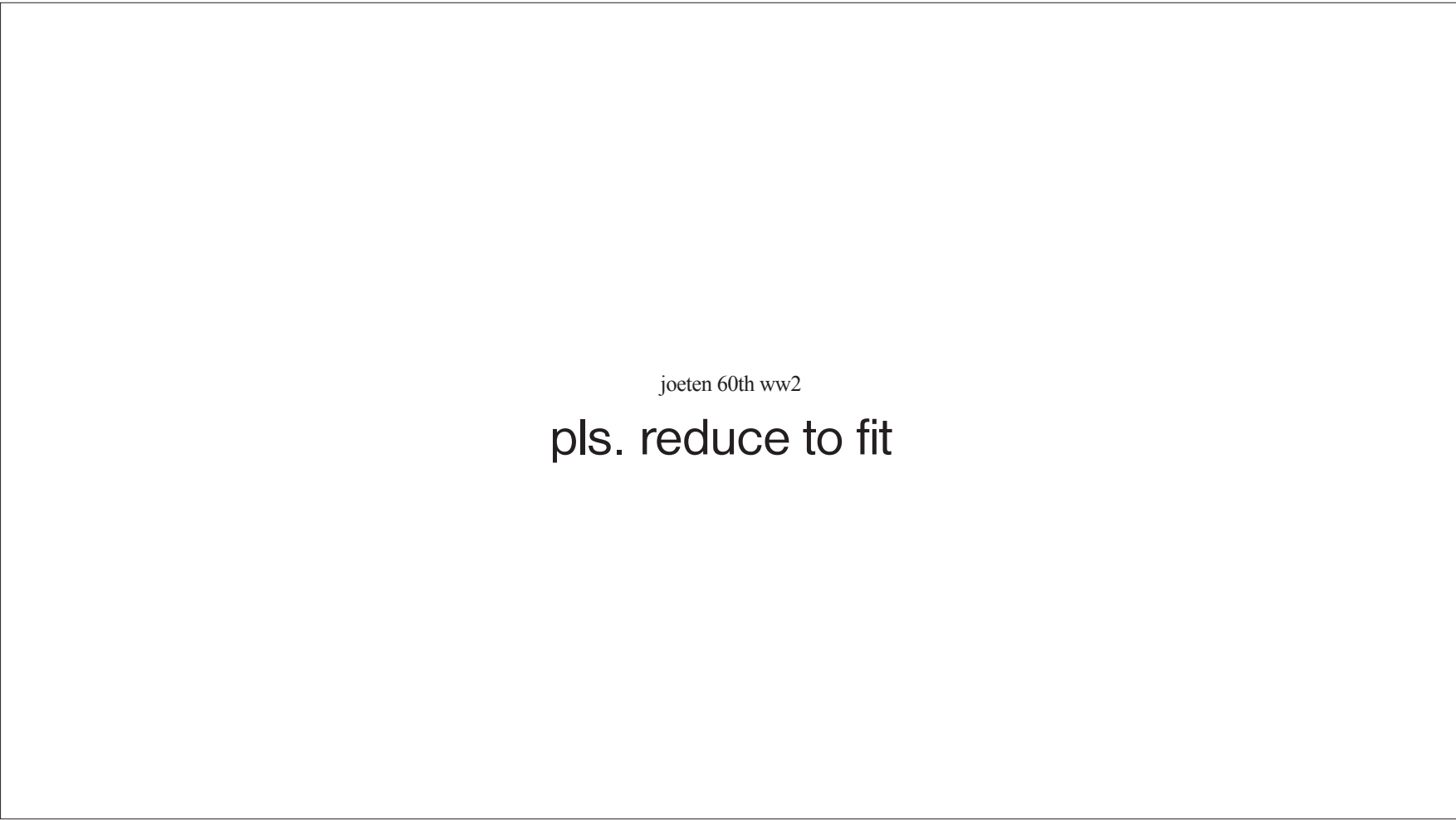
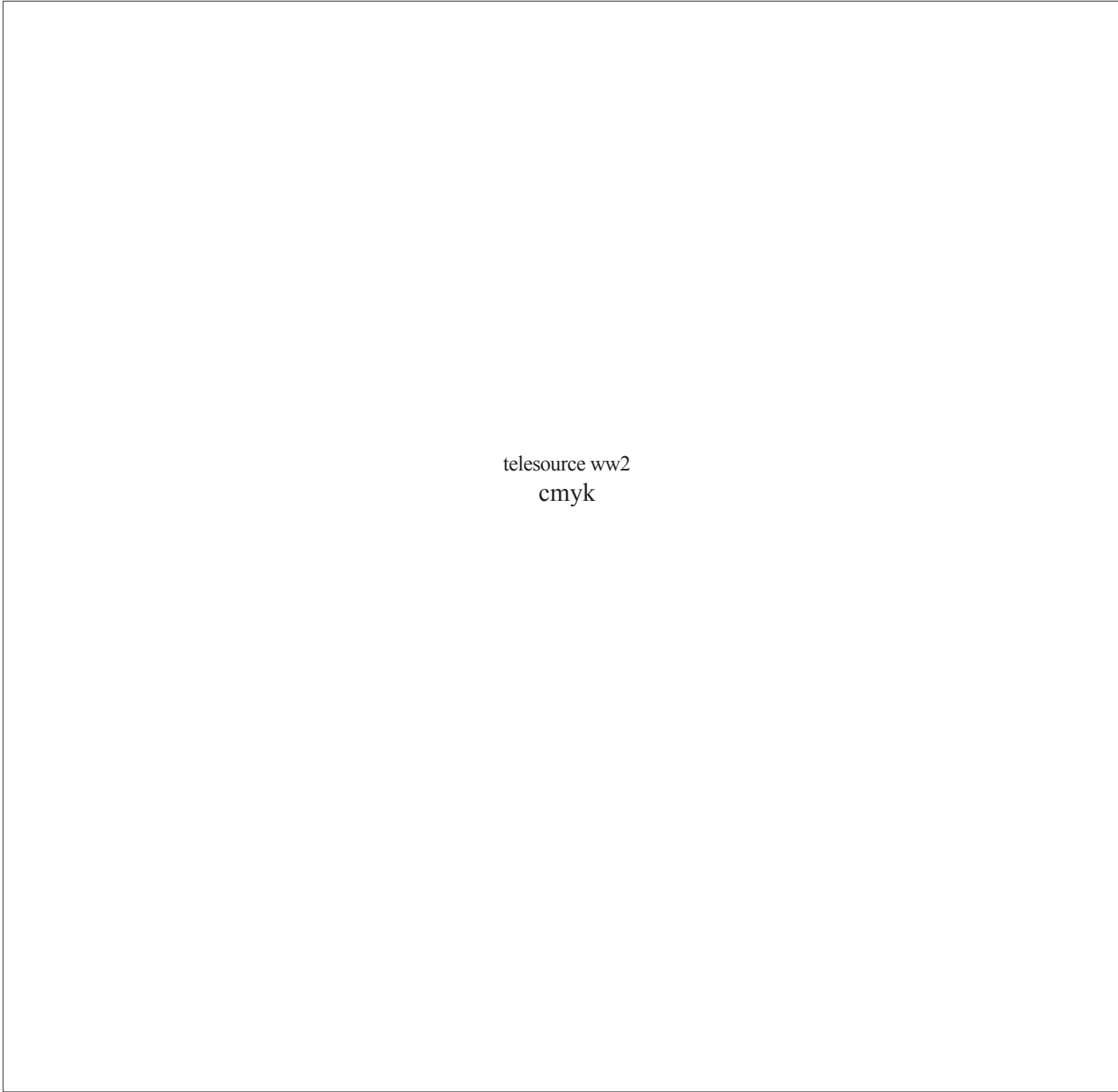
However, she confirmed the decision would be that of Burebasaga province.

As of yesterday, members of the mataqali sauturaga had gone out to all the districts in the Rewa delta, Beqa and Kadavu to traditionally inform them of the passing away of the Roko Tui Dreketi.

Adi Lady Lala Mara, wife of late Fiji President Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara is seen at her husband's funeral in Suva, Fiji in this April 30, 2004 file photo.

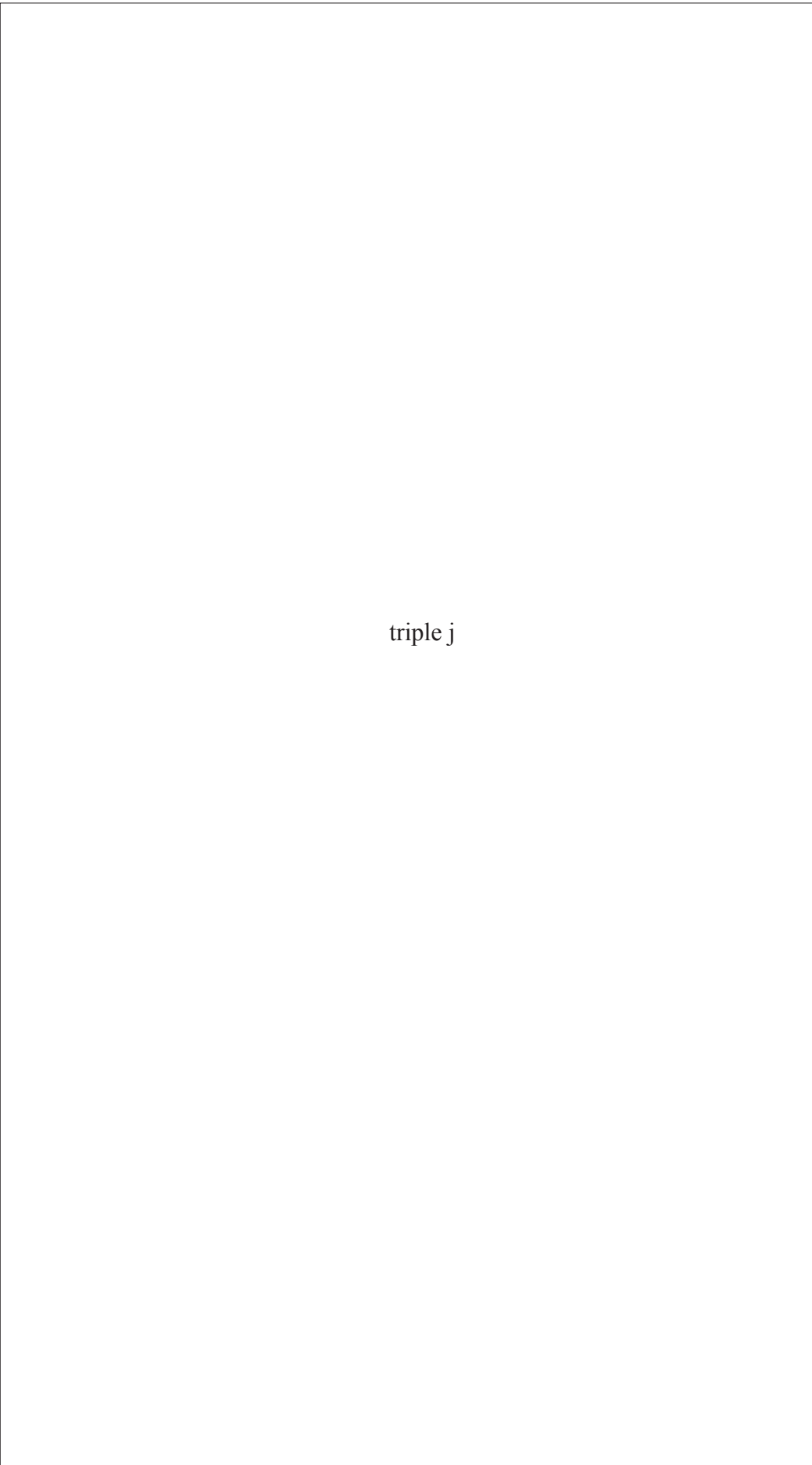
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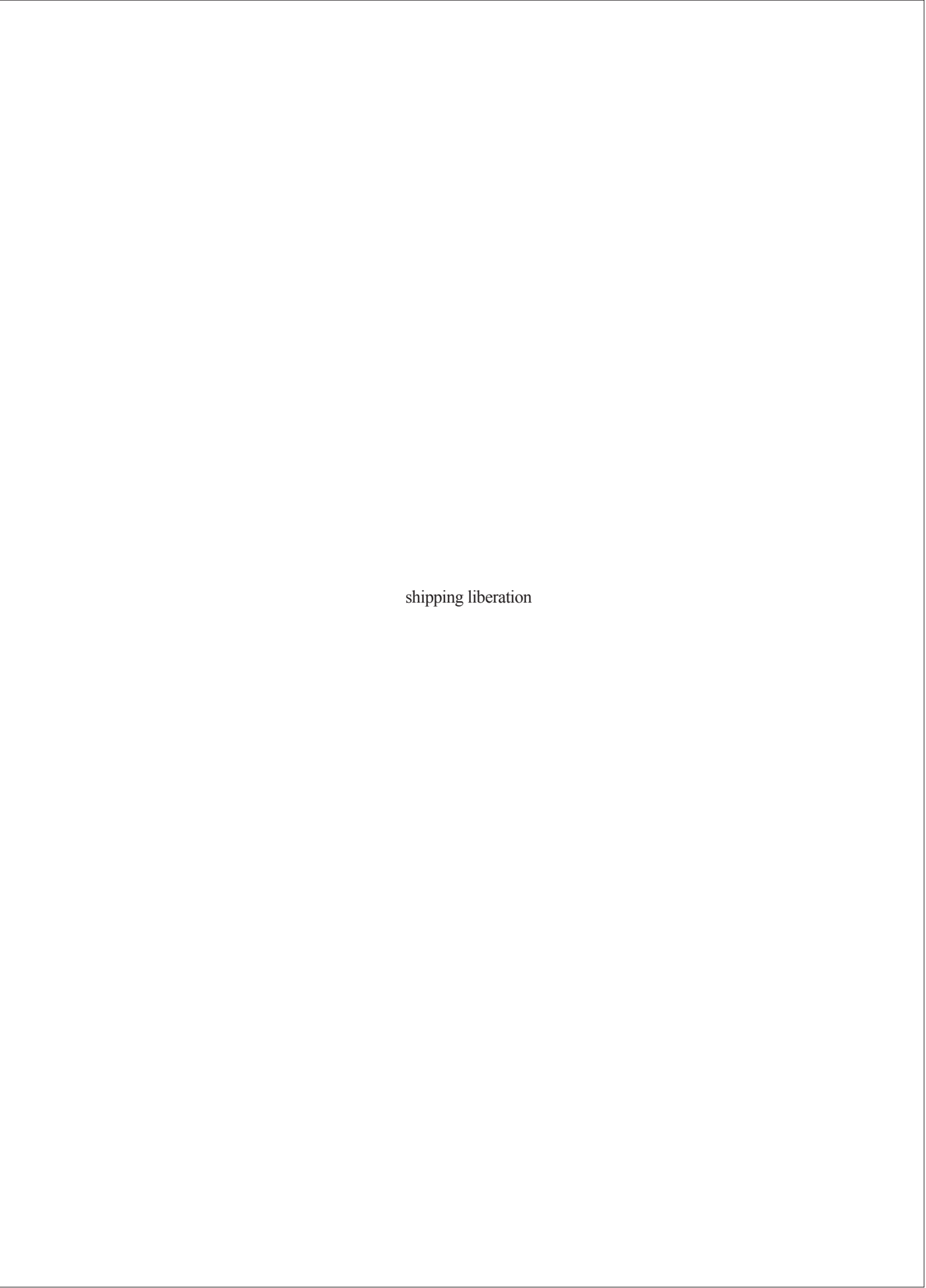


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Life & Style

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'Jeopardy' phenom shatters one-day record

By DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

Will Ken Jennings ever lose? Not anytime soon. The "Jeopardy!" quiz master won his 38th straight game on Friday, shattering a one-day record by earning \$75,000. Now his fans - and foes - have to wait while the show goes on hiatus until September.

Jennings, the 30-year-old Utah software engineer, has earned \$1,321,660 during his nearly two-month stint. He's become an unlikely TV star, visiting Jay Leno on the "Tonight" show Thursday, and made geeks chic.

"Jeopardy!" goes into reruns starting next Monday. But new shows will resume on Sept. 6, and Jennings will be there to defend his championship.

Three times, Jennings purposely tied the one-day record of \$52,000 with carefully calculated wagers on Final Jeopardy. On Friday, he approached

the "Final Jeopardy" question having already earned \$51,400.

Asked to name two of the four Shakespeare plays in which ghosts appear onstage, Jennings correctly answered "Hamlet" and "Richard III."

Then he revealed his bet: \$23,600. "Will it never end for this talented young man?" host Alex Trebek said. "We'll have to wait awhile to find out."

Jennings, who lives in Salt Lake City and is married with a 1-year-old son, is a Mormon who has already promised to tithe 10 percent of his winnings to his church.

"Jeopardy!" used to require its champions to leave after winning five times, but last year changed its rules to allow players to continue until they are beaten. Jennings has beaten 76 challengers.

While "Jeopardy!" producers will have to write Jennings a big check, that rules change has paid off: the game show's ratings have jumped by 50 percent during his reign.



"Jeopardy!" champion Ken Jennings talks with Jay Leno during "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" Thursday, July 22, 2004, in Burbank, Calif.

AP

Xu Bing sculpture donated to Smithsonian

WASHINGTON (AP)—A group of monkeys saw the shimmering moon in a pool under a high tree. So, linking arms and tails, they formed a chain and reached down from a branch to the pool's surface, only to discover it wasn't the moon, but a reflection.

The moral of the Chinese tale - people waste a lot of effort on futile goals - is recalled by a sculpture four stories high of the monkeys at the Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, which specializes in Asian art.

It was donated earlier this month by the family of Soong Mei-Ling, the American-educated widow of World War II leader Chiang Kai-shek. "Madame Chiang," as she was often called, died last year at 105.

Madame Chiang was a key component of her husband's struggle against the Chinese communists, which ended in his retreat to Taiwan. The billions of dollars in U.S. aid that her attractive personality helped raise did not prevent mainland China from falling to the communists. It did promote the democracy, prosperity and autonomy of Taiwan.

Her grandnephew, Michael Feng, said the connection to the old tale symbolized by the monkeys is that in her life she sought real goals, not illusions.

"Most people these days, and in China too, are devoted to goals of power and wealth," he said. "Her goal was to do as many good things as possible. She was a Christian who read the Bible every day."

Admirers of China's former first lady call her a force for international friendship. Others saw her as a propagandist for her husband's corrupt and incompetent government.

After his death in 1975, his supporters eventually lost control of Taiwan's politics.

"Monkeys Grasp for the Moon" is the work of Chinese dissident Xu Bing, who now lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. It hangs from a skylight above the Sackler gallery's stairwell, drops 86 feet past underground galleries and ends a few inches above a pool.

Originally hung at the Sackler in 2001 as part of a one-man show of Xu's work, it consists of 21 pieces of fiberglass, each a little over four feet long and formed into a stylized version of the word for "monkey" in a different language.



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Teachers' astronaut training nears end

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—Three teachers chosen to become astronauts said their main mission is to inspire school children and the public to become enthusiastic about space exploration, science and technology.

The teachers are among eight U.S. and three Japanese astronaut candidates who next week will complete the first phase of their NASA training at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

"That's really almost an added bonus if I get to go up," Joe Acaba, 36, a middle school math and science teacher from Dunnellon said Thursday. "By going through the entire training process, working with the astronauts and learning the program, I'm in a better position to really bring that back to the kids."

His sentiments were echoed by Ricky Arnold, 40, a Cheverly, Md., native who was teaching math and science in Bucharest, Romania, when he was selected and Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, a high school science teacher from Vancouver, Wash.

"Science and math and technology are what made this country what it is," Arnold said. "We need kids not only to fulfill the pipeline for em-

ployees to NASA but also to maintain the lead in technology."

The nation's first teacher-astronaut, Christa McAuliffe, was killed when the shuttle Challenger exploded in 1986. Another teacher, Barbara Morgan, 52, of McCall, Idaho, has been training in Houston since 1998 and is scheduled for a space flight in 2006.

NASA's shuttles have been grounded since the Columbia disintegrated on re-entry last year and flights are not expected to resume until next year at the earliest.

The other U.S. astronauts training here are Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chris Cassidy, 34, a Salem, Mass., native stationed at Norfolk, Va.; NASA engineer Jose Hernandez, 41, of Houston; Dr. Tom Marshburn, 43, a NASA flight surgeon from League City, Texas; Dr. Bobby Satcher, 38, a physician from Oak Park, Ill., and an assistant professor at the Northwestern University Medical Center, and NASA engineer Shannon Walker, 38, of Houston.

All have received basic flight and water survival training for the past month as mission specialists. They next will receive land survival training in Maine and advanced flight training in Texas.

Nickelodeon to urge kids to play outside

NEW YORK (AP)—Turn off the TV and go outside! Kids hear that from their parents all the time. Now, improbably, they'll hear it from a TV network.

This fall, the Nickelodeon network will go off the air for three hours one Saturday and urge its young viewers to play instead.

The turn-off is planned for Oct. 2 at noon ET, when Nickelodeon typically has about 1.5 million viewers ages 6 to 11. During those hours, Nick will show a graphic saying it's time to go outside.

"They're not doing as much after-school play as they used to," network president Cyma Zarghami said, "so we wanted to make sure they know it's important."

She's certainly aware of the grand irony of this coming from a network that made it possible for kids to spend hours on end staring vacantly at the

tube. But she said studies have shown children aren't watching much more television than they did 15 years ago.

"We don't have control over how much they watch television," she said.

Nick probably won't lose much advertising revenue during the stunt; companies will be compensated by having commercials run at different times, she said. Nick estimates it's spending some \$10 million on its "Let's just play" campaign.

When Nick comes back on the air that day at 3 p.m., it will air a live music and sports special that encourages viewers to stay healthy and active.

During its campaign, Nick is also sponsoring play days in 10 U.S. cities, inviting families to parties at parks. Denzel Washington and Hilary Duff are among the celebrities that have recorded public service announcements.

Paris Hilton and Nick Carter break up



Paris Hilton and Nick Carter in happier times.

NEW YORK (AP)—The party's over for Paris Hilton and her Backstreet Boys beau Nick Carter. The couple are no longer together, Hilton's publicist told The Associated Press Friday.

The 23-year-old Hilton hotel heiress/reality TV star, and Carter, of the Backstreet Boys, had dated for seven months.

It was Hilton who ended the romantic relationship, said her publicist, Gina Hoffman.

"She's concentrating on her work," Hoffman told the AP.

Carter, 24, told People magazine Friday that he feels

good, despite the break up.

"This is the time of my life," he said. "I'm back in the studio ready to go on tour with the guys."

He added: "I want to be free to date other people and I got tired of all the rumors" of trouble in their relationship.

A new Backstreet Boys album is expected to be released later this year.

Hilton will begin shooting in August for her first starring film role in "Pledge This," about a college sorority. She's starred for two seasons on Fox's "The Simple Life" with her friend Nicole Richie.

Clinton's book sells out first printing

NEW YORK (AP)—Bill Clinton's "My Life" needed just one month to sell out its initial printing of 1.5 million, publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced Friday. The audio version has already sold 150,000 copies, far more than most books in that format.

The former president received a reported \$10 million for "My Life," which Knopf published June 22 with a suggested price of \$35. The book sold 400,000 copies on the first day alone, be-

lieved to be a record for nonfiction, and more than 2.5 million copies are now in print.

Clinton has been touring the country in support of his memoir, and has personally signed more than 30,000 copies, according to Knopf. Upcoming appearances are scheduled in Boston, where Clinton will also speak at next week's Democratic National Convention, and in the former president's native Arkansas.

Marriage that started on rocky road is now headed downhill

By AVIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Ollie," and I are in our late 40s and have been married 25 years. The first five were rocky, but we made it work—and then the children came along.

Ollie has become so controlling I can hardly breathe. I work 55 hours a week. My only extravagance is buying coffee and a snack and lunch at work a couple of times a week. Ollie demands to know where every penny goes and what I'm "wasting" it on.

Abby, I don't do drugs or gamble, and I'm not a shopaholic. But grocery and household costs have risen. Ollie does none of the shopping, refuses to go with me, and denies that prices have gone up. We are not destitute. He has his own business. I am emotionally drained. He refuses to go to counseling.

The moment I get home in the evening, he starts berating me. Our kids are in high school and usually scatter when he starts yelling. He isn't hitting me, but I feel beaten emotionally. I get a lump in my throat and my chest constricts when I try to figure out what to do. Can verbal abusers become physical abusers? I find myself working longer hours so I don't have to come home, but I'm afraid he'll start on the kids if I'm not there. Should I see a lawyer? Without outside intervention, how can we survive?

TIRED OF THE BATTLE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR TIRED: Yes, verbal abuse can escalate to physical abuse. The stress is taking its toll on you. If it continues, Ollie will survive, but you may not. You feel "beaten" because, emotionally, that's exactly what's happening. You deserve better, but the only person who can make it stop is you.

Your husband will not be thrilled when you finally stand up for yourself, so be prepared. Make a list of his bank accounts, assets, Social Security and driver's license numbers. Then consult an attorney who specializes in family law. Once Ollie has been put on notice that the marriage is over if he isn't willing to get help for his problem, he may be more receptive to counseling. And at that point, you'll have to decide whether you and the children are better off with him or without him.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently invited to a baby shower for an acquaintance. As she opened her gifts, a girlfriend sitting next to her wrote down the name of the gift-giver and the item on a sheet of paper. At the same time, this friend was also penning thank-you notes to each giver! At the end of the shower, the mommy-to-be signed each note, "Love, 'X'"—and handed them to each giver.

How should a person react to something like that? My first reaction was that this woman should receive no more of my time, since my attendance and my gift were not worth a personal thank-you note and a 37-cent stamp.

CONFUSED IN TROY, MICH.

DEAR CONFUSED: Could the honoree be functionally illiterate? If that's the case, you should not have been offended. If she's not, however, it's clear the mommy-to-be is socially ignorant, and I'm sure you weren't the only guest who was offended.

DEAR ABBY: Like any other little girl, I have dreamed about my perfect wedding. But now that my boyfriend and I have begun discussing marriage, I realize that I have nobody to fill the spot of maid of honor.

Would it be all right if I asked my older sister (who is already married and is my best friend) to be maid of honor?

WANTS SOMETHING TRADITIONAL

DEAR WANTS: By all means ask her. It's an honor, and I'm sure she will appreciate it. However, since your sister is married, her title will be "matron of honor."

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Sutherland's strip wows small-town crowd

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Kiefer Sutherland stunned a group of small-town New Zealand women with an impromptu strip routine at a club in the North Island community of Raetihi.

Sutherland slipped out of his socks and whipped off his shirt, waving it above his head to the tune of the Tom Jones' hit "You Can Leave Your Hat On" at Raetihi's Cosmopolitan Club, the New Zealand Herald newspaper reported.

The women were watching Men of Steel—a male revue act—and Sutherland was drinking at an adjoining bar before deciding to join the act, the newspaper said. The 37-year-old actor, star of television's action-thriller "24," was then ushered off the stage.

The incident occurred last Thursday but wasn't reported until Wednesday.

"Kiefer had a hell of a night," club President Danny Mills told The Associated Press. "He had an enjoyable evening and so did everyone that was here."

Mills added: "He's coming back in August, mate, and as far as we're concerned we want him back in here."

Sutherland is in New Zealand filming "River Queen," which tells the story of an Irish immigrant during the 18th-century wars between indigenous Maori and colonial settlers.

His movies include "Taking Lives," "Flatliners," "Young Guns" and "Stand by Me."

Dixie Chick Maines has baby boy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Dixie Chicks lead singer Natalie Maines gave birth to a baby boy, her second son with husband Adrian Pasdar, the group's Web site announced Friday.

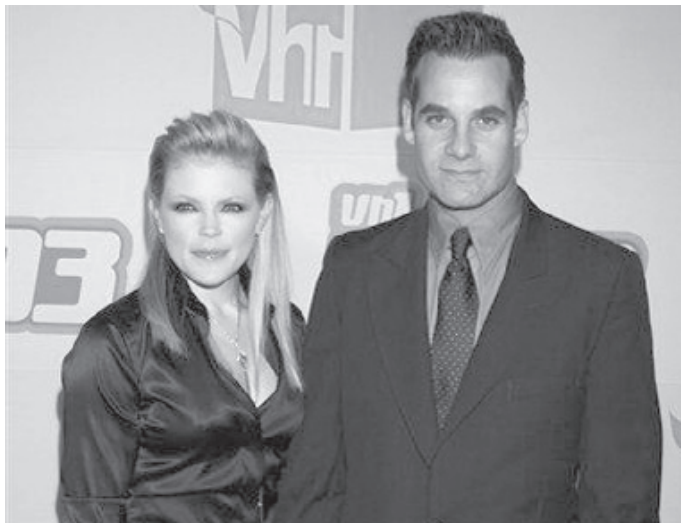
Beckett Finn Pasdar was born July 14. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

"Mother and baby are doing fine," the Web site said.

The couple's first child, Slade, is 3 years old.

Pasdar is an actor who has appeared in movies and in a recurring role on the TV show "Judging Amy."

The Chicks' hits include "Landslide," "Ready to Run" and "Wide Open Spaces."



Singer Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks and actor-husband Adrian Pasdar are shown at the 'VH1 Big in '03' awards ceremony held at the Universal Amphitheatre in Universal City, Calif., November 20, 2003.

Report: Erykah Badu has baby girl

NEW YORK (AP)—Grammy-winning singer Erykah Badu gave birth to a daughter, Puma, earlier this month at her home in Dallas, with friends and family present, People magazine reported Thursday.

The baby was born on July 5, Badu's publicist confirmed

to the magazine. Badu, 33, has declined to name the father. "She is a big baby," Badu's representative was quoted as saying.

Puma joins brother, Seven, 6, whose father is Andre Benjamin (Andre 3000 of the hip-hop group OutKast).

Badu's publicist told People that Puma isn't named for the athletic shoe: "Erykah is more down to earth than that. It's more likely that the name has meaning, that it's something natural."

The singer's latest album, "Worldwide Underground," was released in 2003.

'American Idol' father plans record label

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP)—After 15 years as a truck driver, the father of "American Idol" Fantasia Barrino announced the formation of his own record label this week.

The record company's first project will be gospel in nature and will "return to the roots" of the Barrino family, Joe Barrino said. He plans to collaborate with his nephews, K-Ci and JoJo, who had a hit in 1998 with the song "All My Life," and his sons who

are in a group called Infinity.

Barrino said he also plans to dabble in rhythm and blues and country and clean up rap music while trying to establish an entertainment industry in his family's hometown of High Point.

"The door is open. We can do everything we need to do right here ... Let's be a Hollywood. Let's be an Atlanta. Let's be a New York. Let's be a Chicago. Why can't we do it? ... These are our plans," he said.

Barrino, who will serve as CEO, producer and arranger for the company, is looking for a space for his own studio and said he has spoken to officials at Guilford Technical Community College about starting a training program for people interested in the technical side of the entertainment industry. Barrino has already worked with Keith McMasters, a producer who has worked with rapper Chingy, on a recording.





Yankees down Red Sox despite Millar's heroics

B O S T O N
(AP)—After Kevin Millar tied the score in the eighth inning with his third solo home run, Alex Rodriguez hit an RBI single in the ninth that gave the New York Yankees an 8-7 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Friday night and extended their American League East lead to a season-high 9 1/2 games.

After losing six of seven games to the Red Sox in April, the Yankees have won four straight against their longtime rival.

New York overcame a 4-1, fifth-inning deficit against Curt Schilling. Keith Foulke (2-3) retired his first batter in the ninth before allowing two straight drives off the Green Monster wall in left field—a double by Gary Sheffield and the single by Rodriguez.

“We were tenacious. We played with intensity,” Schilling said. “If we play like we played tonight, every night for the rest of the season, we’re going to go to the World Series.”

White Sox 6, Tigers 4

In Chicago, after learning that Magglio Ordonez could miss the rest of the season because of an injured knee, Chicago won as Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs and Juan Uribe hit a tiebreaking solo homer.

Ordonez, a four-time All-Star, went back on the disabled list Friday and could spend up to eight weeks on crutches.

Judge allows sex evidence in Bryant case

By JON SARCHÉ
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DENVER (AP)—In a huge victory for Kobe Bryant’s defense, the judge in the NBA star’s sexual assault case ruled Friday that his accuser’s sex life during the week of their encounter can be used against her at trial.

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle said details of the woman’s sexual activities in the three days before her July 1, 2003, hospital examination are relevant to help determine the cause of her injuries and the source of DNA evidence. He also said the credibility of the accuser was a factor.

One legal expert called the decision a stunning defeat for prosecutors that could derail their entire case.

“This evidence is as damaging a set of facts as a prosecutor could ever have to contend with and one wonders if at long last the accuser will pull the plug on this case,” said Larry Pozner, former president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Prosecutors will decide how to proceed after reviewing the decision and no options have been ruled out, prosecution spokes-

Indians 3, Royals 2

In Cleveland, Ben Broussard homered off Nate Field (2-2) on a 3-0 count with one out in the 11th, giving Cleveland a win over Kansas City for its eighth victory in a major league-high 19 extra-inning games this year.

Rick White (4-4) stranded the go-ahead run at second in the 11th by striking out Ruben Mateo and pinch-hitter Dee Brown.

Twins 7, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Corey Koskie homered and had a season-high four RBIs as Minnesota won downed Baltimore for its fifth straight win.

Jacque Jones also homered and Torii Hunter had three hits for the Twins, who maintained their half-game lead over Chicago in the AL Central.

Blue Jays 7, Devil Rays 4

In Toronto, Frank Menechino had three hits, including a solo homer, and Toronto scored six unearned runs in the third helped by two errors by first baseman Aubrey Huff to beat Tampa Bay.

Miguel Batista (9-6) allowed three runs and six hits in six inning to win for the seventh time in his last eight decisions at SkyDome.

Rangers 8, Athletics 3

In Oakland, California, Kevin Mench hit a three-run homer during a five-run rally in the sixth inning rally as Texas ended Mark Mulder’s 11-game winning streak

with a win over Oakland.

Kenny Rogers joined Mulder as the majors’ only 13-game winners with his 18th straight home victory at the Coliseum. Rogers (13-3), who allowed three runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings, hasn’t lost in 35 starts in Oakland since Aug. 7, 1994.

Angels 8, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Jose Guillen had three hits, a home run and five RBIs as Anaheim thrashed Seattle.

Bobby Madritsch hit Vladimir Guerrero in the right wrist with a pitch in the seventh, and both benches and both bullpens emptied onto the field at first base.

Cubs 5, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Moises Alou, Sammy Sosa and Derrek Lee homered to back Kerry Wood, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Phillies for their third straight win.

Alou went 2-for-4 and has six homers and 13 RBIs in his last nine games. Lee’s homer was his fifth in nine games, and fifth in 31 at-bats against Brett Myers (5-8).

Expos 2, Marlins 1

In Montreal, Orlando Cabrera’s sacrifice fly in the fourth ended Montreal’s 42-inning scoreless streak against Florida, and Jose Vidro hit a go-ahead RBI double in the fifth to lead the Expos.

The Expos had been shut out in each of their last four games against the Marlins, but Cabrera’s sac fly off Brad Penny (8-8) tied it at 1.

Pirates 6, Reds 3

In Pittsburgh, Oliver Perez struck out 11 batters in seven innings, and Craig Wilson drove in two runs to lead the Pirates over Cincinnati.

The Pirates are 6-2 since the All-Star break and have won 18 of 24. They improved to 23-23 at PNC Park after starting 9-19 at home this season.

Giants 7, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Dustin Hermanson took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Barry Bonds hit a three-run homer, helping San Francisco end St. Louis’ five-game winning streak.

Hermanson (4-3) allowed only a fourth-inning walk to Albert Pujols before Pujols’ 28th homer ended his no-hit bid with one out in the seventh.

Brewers 7, Astros 6

In Houston, Roger Clemens tied his season high by allowing three home runs as Milwaukee beat Houston to stop a four-game losing streak on Wes Helms’ ninth-inning sacrifice fly ball.

Clemens, who didn’t get a decision, left trailing 5-0 after allowing five runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Dodgers 3, Padres 2

In Los Angeles, Adrian Beltre homered off Rod Beck with one out in the ninth inning to lead Los Angeles over the National League West-rival San Diego.

Beltre homered on the first pitch he saw from Beck (0-2) to give the Dodgers their 16th

win in 18 games and increase their lead in the West over the Padres and San Francisco to 3 1/2 games.

Rockies 8, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Vinny Castilla broke up Casey Fossum’s no-hit bid with a two-run homer in

the seventh inning, then added another two-run homer in the eighth to help Colorado send Arizona to a team-record 12th straight loss.

After walking a pair of batters with one out in the first, Fossum (2-9) retired 17 consecutive batters before walking Todd Helton leading off the seventh.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

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|-----------|----|----|------|--------|
| New York | 61 | 34 | .642 | — |
| Boston | 52 | 44 | .542 | 9 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 45 | 51 | .469 | 16 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 43 | 52 | .453 | 18 |
| Toronto | 41 | 55 | .427 | 20 1/2 |

Central Division

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|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Minnesota | 53 | 43 | .552 | — |
| Chicago | 51 | 42 | .548 | 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 47 | 49 | .490 | 6 |
| Detroit | 45 | 51 | .469 | 8 |
| Kansas City | 35 | 59 | .372 | 17 |

West Division

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|---------|----|----|------|--------|
| Texas | 55 | 39 | .585 | — |
| Oakland | 51 | 44 | .537 | 4 1/2 |
| Anaheim | 51 | 45 | .531 | 5 |
| Seattle | 37 | 58 | .389 | 18 1/2 |

Yesterday's Games

Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 4
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4
Cleveland 3, Kansas City 2, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 7
Minnesota 7, Baltimore 3
Texas 8, Oakland 3
Anaheim 8, Seattle 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

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|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Atlanta | 50 | 45 | .526 | — |
| Philadelphia | 50 | 46 | .521 | 1/2 |
| Florida | 48 | 48 | .500 | 2 1/2 |
| New York | 47 | 48 | .495 | 3 |
| Montreal | 35 | 61 | .365 | 15 1/2 |

Central Division

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|------------|----|----|------|--------|
| St. Louis | 61 | 35 | .635 | — |
| Chicago | 52 | 44 | .542 | 9 |
| Cincinnati | 50 | 47 | .515 | 11 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 48 | 47 | .505 | 12 1/2 |
| Houston | 47 | 49 | .490 | 14 |
| Pittsburgh | 45 | 49 | .479 | 15 |

West Division

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|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Los Angeles | 56 | 39 | .589 | — |
| San Diego | 53 | 43 | .552 | 3 1/2 |
| San Francisco | 54 | 44 | .551 | 3 1/2 |
| Colorado | 40 | 56 | .417 | 16 1/2 |
| Arizona | 31 | 67 | .316 | 26 1/2 |

Yesterday's Games

Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain
Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 3
Montreal 2, Florida 1
San Francisco 7, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 7, Houston 6
Colorado 8, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 3, San Diego 2

SPORTS TRANSACTIONS

MLB

ANAHEIM ANGELS-Announced INF Shane Halter has accepted an assignment to Salt Lake of the PCL.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Place OF Luis Matos on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP John Maine from Ottawa of the IL. Designated INF Jose Morban for assignment.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX-Placed OF Magglio Ordonez on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Joe Borchard from Charlotte of the IL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS-Signed RHP Justin Hoymann.

NEW YORK YANKEES-Assigned RHP Chein-ming Wang and LHP Charlie Manning to Columbus of the IL and RHP Francisco Villegas to Trenton of the Eastern League.
SEATTLE MARINERS-Released 1B John Olerud. Assigned C Pat Borders to Tacoma of the PCL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS-Agreed to terms with LHP David Purcey.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Named Howard Sunkin senior vice president, public affairs.
MONTREAL EXPOS-Recalled RHP Roy Corcoran from Edmonton of the PCL. Optioned LHP Chad Bentz to Edmonton.
NEW YORK METS-Placed OF Shane Spencer on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Dan Wheeler from Norfolk of the IL.

NBA

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS-Acquired F Drew Gooden, F Anderson Varejao and C Steven Hunter from Orlando for F Tony Battie and two second-round draft picks. Promoted Amando Mercado to director of public relations.
DETROIT PISTONS-Re-signed F-C Rasheed Wallace to a five-year contract. Named Gar Heard, Phil Ford and Pat Sullivan assistant coaches.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES-Signed G-F Fred Hoiberg to a multiyear contract.
NEW JERSEY NETS-Named John Kuester assistant coach.
SACRAMENTO KINGS-Re-signed F Darius Songaila.
UTAH JAZZ-Re-signed C Jarron Collins.

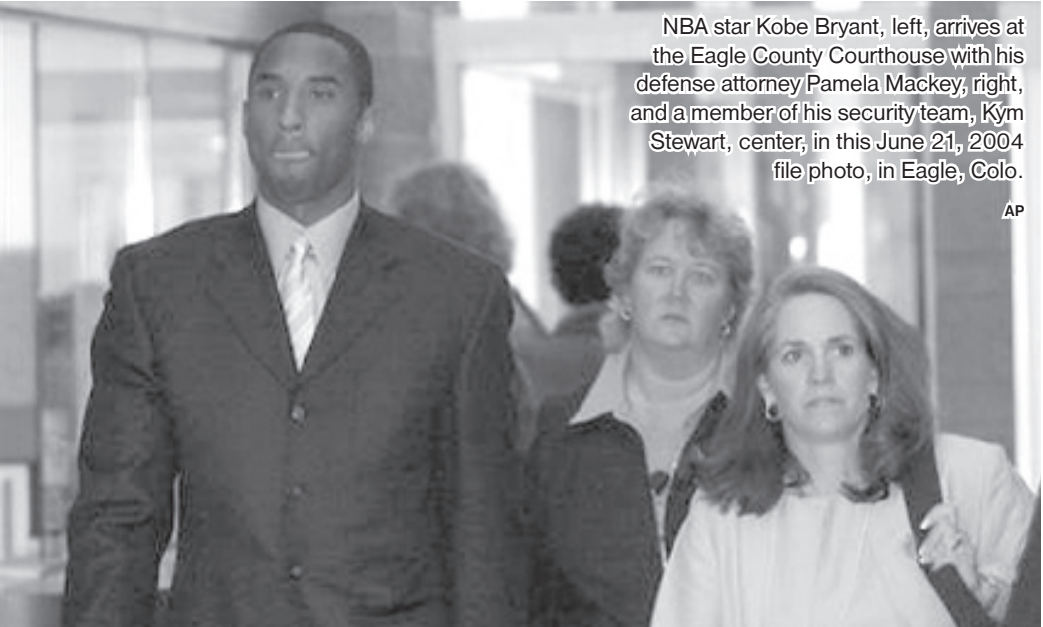
NFL

CHICAGO BEARS-Signed CB Alfonso Marshall to a four-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS-Terminated the contract of LB Adrian Ross.
CLEVELAND BROWNS-Signed OL Kirk Chambers.
DALLAS COWBOYS-Agreed to terms with RB Eddie George.
GREEN BAY PACKERS-Signed DE Tyronne Rogers.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Named Kadar Hamilton scout.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS-Signed WR Ryan Hoag and P Filip Filipovic. Waived P Eddie Johnson.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS-Signed TE Matt Cercone.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Agreed to terms with FB Mike Karney on a three-year contract.
OAKLAND RAIDERS-Released C Barret Robbins.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES-Agreed to terms with RB Bruce Perry on a four-year contract.
ST. LOUIS RAMS-Signed TE Erik Jensen to a three-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS-Signed QB Cody Pickett to a three-year contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS-Signed WR Michael Clayton to a six-year contract and CB Lenny Williams. Released OL Mark Moroz.

College

EVERGREEN STATE-Named Erik Gibson-Snyder women's soccer coach.
GEORGIA-Named Jessica Allister assistant softball coach.
MISERICORDIA-Named Kelly Cook women's volleyball coach.
NEVADA-Named Rich Merritt golf coach.

By The Associated Press



NBA star Kobe Bryant, left, arrives at the Eagle County Courthouse with his defense attorney Pamela Mackey, right, and a member of his security team, Kym Stewart, center, in this June 21, 2004 file photo, in Eagle, Colo.

woman Krista Flannigan said.

“We have no plans of not moving forward with the prosecution,” she said. “It’s just, what is that going to look like?”

The woman’s attorney, John Clune, declined to comment and defense attorneys didn’t return a call.

The defense’s bid to question the accuser’s credibility by bringing up her sex life was considered one of the most important pieces of Bryant’s upcoming trial.

The defense has suggested

the woman had multiple sexual partners in the days surrounding her June 2003 encounter with Bryant, including sex with someone after the alleged attack and before she contacted the authorities. Her attorney has vehemently denied that claim. The defense contends injuries found on her during an exam at a hospital could have been caused by someone other than Bryant.

The judge ruled that Colorado’s strict rape-shield law, which generally prevents the sex life of an alleged assault

victim from being admitted as evidence, does not apply to all the information Bryant’s lawyers want to introduce.

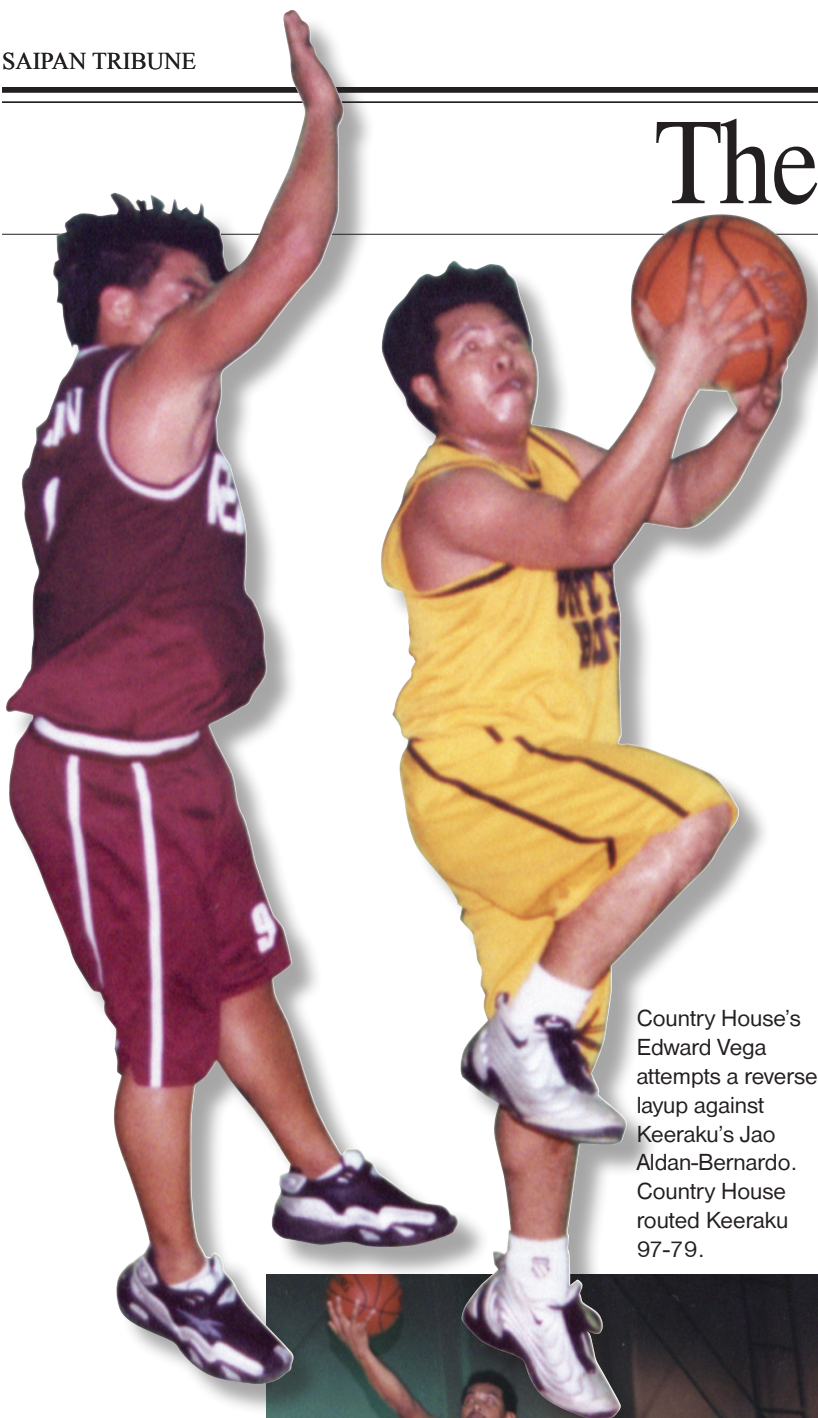
He said he was convinced by the defense that “specific instances of sexual activity” and evidence of sex can be offered to bolster their contention that her injuries were not caused by Bryant.

Ruckriegle agreed that the woman’s sex life in the 72 hours before the exam was relevant, but barred “any and all other evidence” related to her conduct.

ERRATUM

The caption in last Thursday’s standalone photo in Page 27 should have identified Roxanne Diaz as a representative of the Division of Public Health and Reina Malone-Hudson as part of the Community Guidance Center.

The Week in Sports



Country House's Edward Vega attempts a reverse layup against Keeraku's Jao Aldan-Bernardo. Country House routed Keeraku 97-79.

Ed Yalung of LIPS-Jam Construction skies for a layup against Laguna-GEC Pawnshop in the 2004 UFO-San Miguel Cup. Laguna run away with the 111-79 win.



Leo Factor of SIP muscles his way against FASA's Kevin Cequena and Jorge De Guzman.



Dan Barcinas of defending champion Ol'Aces drives to the basket against Sixers I in the inaugural game of the 2004 Rotary Club of Saipan Summer Youth Basketball League Monday.



J.R. Delos Reyes of Spiders goes up strong against the Sixers in their IVYBL quarterfinal match Tuesday. Spiders won 40-24.



Twenty of the 23 participants in last Sunday's 9th Annual Saipan International Children's Fishing Derby pose for the camera while being flanked by DLNR Sec. Richard Seman and MVA managing director Vicky Benavente.

Hectic week in sports

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY MARK RABAGO
REPORTER

Almost everything from basketball, baseball, softball, bowling, fishing to motocross went down last week on Saipan.

In basketball, the alphabet soup of leagues continued to roll with the IVYBL beginning its playoffs and the UFO closing in on the end of its elimination round. The Rotary league also opened its curtains on the 2004 season, while the Inter-Restaurant Basketball League is settling on its new venue

at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The CNMI Senior and Junior All-Stars also went up to Capitol Hill Tuesday morning to present Gov. Juan N. Babauta the flags of the Asia-Pacific Regional championships. Also in baseball, the Miller Lite Brewers upset pennant and defending champion Northern Yankees, 2-0, Wednesday in Game 1 of the Saipan Major League championships.

In softball, Seabridge swept both the 35-and-over and business crown with awesome performance on the diamond. Last week also saw slow pitch and fast pitch play get underway at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The past week also was memorable for Arnel Del Rosario as the 38-year-old Luen Fung employee took the title in the Miller Lite/Pepsi Rumble 7-8-9 on Sunday. The trio of Patrick Aldan, Christopher Meyers, and Francis C. Deleon Guerro, meanwhile, took the top prizes in the 9th Annual Saipan International Children's Fishing Derby held last Sunday off the waters of Managaha Island.

The Saipan Motocross Championship also went down over the weekend at the Cowtown Raceway Park in Marpi with top riders from the CNMI, Guam, the Philippines, Japan, and Argentina seeing action.



Gov. Juan N. Benavente, third from left, smiles at the camera with Tournament of Champions organizing committee led by, from left chairman Rodney Klinge, DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce, and MVA managing director Vicky Benavente.



Miller Lite/Pepsi Rumble 7-8-9 winner Arnel Del Rosario shows off his championship trophy as he poses with runner-up Carol McKenzie, second from left, and third place Emi Williams. Also in photo are Pacific Trading Co.'s Orleyne Tabucanon, and Saipan Bowling Association officer Ross Zapanta.



Jester Garcia of SIP-Verizon is all smiles after winning the Miller Lite MVP of the game award in his team's 86-74 steamrolling of FASA-PABA-CNC Inc. Handing the PTC gift certificate to Garcia is Orleyne Tabucanon, while flanking them are UFO officials Flossie Baylon and Ed Reyes.

Garapan Rollers I and Saints players jockey for position on a rebound play in their 2004 IVYBL semis game Wednesday at the Garapan court. G-Rollers I ousted the defending champions 58-48.





George agrees to 1-yr. deal with Cowboys

Bill Parcells, Jerry Jones and several other high-ranking members of the Dallas Cowboys made it clear how much they wanted Eddie George. 25

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Saipan boxers fighting for reform

By MARK RABAGO
REPORTER

Saipan boxers are alarmed over the current state of the sport on the island.

Without a coach for years now and minus the needed support from local boxing clubs that have come and gone, the fighters were dealt yet another blow a few months ago when they lost their training facility at the William S. Reyes Elementary School.

Now, the growing ranks of prizefighters make do with what little they have. They have found a new home at the Marianas High School Gymnasium but the facility is not really for boxing.

Save for a punching bag, a speed bag and a double string, the gym's boxing equipment is inadequate at best and the boxers are not content with just sparring among themselves on the facility's multi-purpose court—what they really need is a boxing ring.

But the lack of a training facility and equipment is only half the story. Saipan's boxers are most furious on the way promoters have taken advantage of their passion for the sport, which in turn has prevented the boxers from improving the level of the sport on the island.

Twenty-one-year-old Gerald Naputi said that he doesn't really mind fighting for free as long as the boxers get some gratuity that they could use to buy equipment and improve facilities.

"Let me just make myself clear. I'm not into boxing for the money. We're all amateur boxers here but the broken promises and lack of transparency after fights have somewhat lowered our morale and is actu-



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Jim Feger, left, and Gerald Naputi, third from left, with the rest of the Saipan boxers inside the MHS Gym boxing room. Joining them in the photo are, from left, Jerry Cruz, Richard Borja, Ron Mettao, Carlos Feger, Jeff Rocha, Marvin Seman, Chris Castro, and Chris Sablan.

ally more depressing than the state of our sport," he said.

Naputi said he spends an average of \$100 to \$150 on boxing equipment a month and it's just crazy the notion that promoters expect them to fight in their profit-making events without the boxers expecting something in return.

MHS sports director Jim Feger, who has taken the role of surrogate father to Saipan's boxers, comes to the defense of the boxers when it comes to demanding gratuity from the promoters.

"I know they are all amateurs and should not be paid at all for what they do inside the ring. But this is very different from the mainland. When you see promoters getting money out of boxing events and see these kids sharing mouthpieces and crotch pads, fighting wearing tennis shoes, and making do with gloves that have seen better days, then you kind of think that these boxers should get something out of the deal," he said.

Feger, whose son Carlos is also into boxing, said he has advised the more than a dozen boxers that are training at MHS to demand from promoters a contract that would obligate them to donate parts of the proceeds to the boxers.

He also suggested to Naputi and company that the boxing promoters make transparent earnings from the said fights.

The younger Feger reminisces the structure and organization of the Saipan Swim Club, which he was a member of. He said boxing couldn't hope to reach the level of swimming on the island if promoters don't give something back to the sport.

Jerry Cruz, another veteran boxer like Naputi, said aside from unfulfilled promises of getting paid and the lack of transparency, he also wants a reform on how promoters match-up boxers before events.

He said mismatches on weight have become more of the norm than the exception during fights. Cruz said this had led to controversial outcomes and could soon lead to injury or even death if allowed to continue.

"The way they do pairings before fights is just absurd. You can't match a 150-lbs. fighter against someone who weighs just 135 lbs. It is unfair and is both an insult to the boxers and the fans," he said.

Christopher Sablan, one of the greenhorns of group, also wishes that boxers be given adequate time to prepare for fights. He said promoters shouldn't expect them to just cram months of training into a few weeks.

Sablan said the habit of pulling boxers to

the side and promising them money to fight without adequate training should stop.

Marvin Seman, another newcomer, shares Sablan's thoughts. He also said he loves boxing with a passion and is backing up Naputi and company in their pursuit of reform.

Naputi said it is for the benefit of the island's up-and-coming and future boxers like Seman and Sablan that veterans like him and Cruz are making themselves heard.

"I would like to reiterate that this is neither for the money nor for fame. We're into boxing because this is our passion. It's just like playing basketball, baseball or any other sport. We're into its because of our love of the game and it just pains us that others are taking advantage and profiting from something we put our hearts and souls into," he said.

Jim Feger hopes Saipan's boxers decision to go public wouldn't be all in vain.

"They need our help. Boxing has a good future on Saipan. We have a few people who love the sport and are willing to do what is needed. Unfortunately, there are others who have other agendas. We just hope that there are more people out there ready to help than those who want to benefit from boxing."



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Saipan boxer Pete Castro doing his thing with the speed bag.